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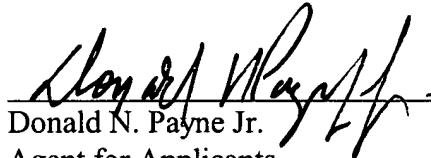
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Tong) PHOSPHORUS-SULFUR BASED
Serial No.: 09/396,715) ANTIFOULANTS
Filed: September 15, 1999) Attorney Docket: 5619-NEEC
) Group Art Unit: 1764
) Examiner: B. Yildirim
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action mailed January 15, 2002.

Please enter claims 1-26 as shown below. No amendments have been made to claim 1-26 and thus, they are in the same condition as originally filed.

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 as originally filed are before the Examiner.

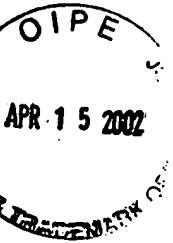
Applicant and their undersigned representative wish to thank Examiner Yildirim for the courtesy extended to them during the telephonic interview to discuss the outstanding issues in the instant application on March 26, 2002. Applicant's note the three month term for response to the Final Action in the instant

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Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed the following documents pertaining to the above-referenced application:

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Respectfully submitted,

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